

Tobunken Seminar

The Qur'an in Medieval and Modern-Age Europe: The European Qur'an (EuQu ERC-Synergy project 2019–25)

Dear colleagues,

The Institute for Advanced Studies on Asia, University of Tokyo (Tobunken) will host a lecture by Professor Roberto Tottoli (Rector, University of Naples “L’Orientale”) on “The Qur'an in Medieval and Modern-Age Europe: The European Qur'an (EuQu ERC-Synergy project 2019–25).” Those who are interested in participating in the event are cordially invited to register in advance by September 27 (details below).

Lecture Title:

The Qur'an in Medieval and Modern-Age Europe: The European Qur'an (EuQu ERC-Synergy project 2019–25)

Speaker:

Roberto Tottoli (Rector, University of Naples “L’Orientale”)

Date and Time:

October 4 (Tue), 2022, at 15:30–17:00

Venue:

Hybrid, combining in-person participation at the Institute for Advanced Studies on Asia (<https://www.ioc.u-tokyo.ac.jp/eng/access/index.html>) and online participation via Zoom.

Lecture Abstract:

The EuQu project is an ERC-Synergy project financed by the European Commission 10 mil. Euro and based in Madrid, Nantes, Copenhagen and Naples. It includes four principal investigators and more than 30 PhD students and post-doc researchers carrying out research on the circulation, use and functions of the Qur'an and its significance in medieval and modern-age European history from 1150 ca to 1850 ca. The lecture will describe the approach and results of the project in the middle of it and will focus on a specific case-study, that is the history of the printing of the Qur'an in Europe and its relevance in relation to the history of printing in Muslim countries and to the printing of the other religious holy texts.

How to Participate:

Please fill in the form at <https://forms.gle/HP5khPfXp4uYuVzh7> by September 27, at 17:00 JST. A detailed explanation about how the seminar will be held is given in the form.

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About the EuQu Project:

EuQu – The European Qur’an. Islamic Scripture in European Culture and Religion 1150-1850 (ERC-Synergy Project 2019-2025)

Short description (more data and imaged for publicity can be found in <https://euqu.eu/>):
EuQu is an ambitious six year research project (2019-2025) studying the ways in which the Islamic Holy Book is embedded in the intellectual, religious and cultural history of Medieval and Early Modern Europe. Our research studies how the Qur’an has been translated, interpreted, adapted and used by Christians, European Jews, freethinkers, atheists and European Muslims in order to understand how the Holy Book has influenced both culture and religion in Europe.